APPENDIX A.

Addresses presented to the Dewan President by the Members of the Representative Assembly and his reply thereto.

I.

THE KOLAR GOLD FIELD MINING BOARD.

SIR,

I am desired by the Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, on whose behalf I now have the honor to address you, to convey to you their sincere congratulations on your appointment as Dewan of this State. In so doing, we must express our gratification that this preferment has fallen on one so well equipped to deal with the many problems which are receiving the consideration of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja at this moment. The Members of the Board as Representatives of the Mining Industry are in close sympathy with you in respect to the difficulties which have to be overcome, as they likewise are confronted with economic problems which call for most earnest thought and careful judgment.

We further venture to congratulate you, Sir, and ourselves, that Gold Mining in this State continues to be successful and we trust to receive in the future, that interest and cosideration which has always been accorded to us heretofore. It must not be forgotten that all Mines are wasting assets, and as some of the Campanies on the Kolar Gold Field are now working at over a mile below surface and are faced with enhanced wages and high costs of special machinery and materials for working at this great depth, there are many obstacles in the way of maintaining the standard of the past. It is our earnest endeavour to do so, and with the sympathetic support of His Highness the Maharaja's Government, there is every possibility of the fulfilment of the hopes and aspirations which are common to us both.

It is with feelings of the liveliest satisfaction that in the past, we have had the honour of several visits from you on the Gold Field and we know that you are fully conversant with our work and difficulties. It is needless to say that these visits are not only an honor, but a pleasure to the Board

On this occasion, Sir, I have, but a few special subjects to bring to your notice, the following being the only ones to which we wish to invite your attention.

AGUMENTATION OF POLICE FORCE.

The strengthening of the existing force has been mentioned on a previous occasion and we regret that nothing has been done in this direction. Like most Mining Centres, we have a large number of predatory characters continually passing through our midst, and petty thefts and cases of house-breaking are still somewhat numerous.

We view with some apprehension, a paragraph appearing recently in the *Mysore Gazette* on the subject of retrenchment in respect of the Gold Fields Police on the grounds of redundancy, a suggestion which we strongly deprecate, and we would urge again, as represented in previous addresses that an augmentation of the Police Force is a matter for your serious consideration.

WATER SUPPLY.

It is known to the Government of His Highness from the reports they have received from the Water Supply Department that the condition of the Pipe Line from Bethamangâlam to the Reservoirs on the Field is far from being satisfactory.

A serious accident to the line would produce a water famine involving 50,000 people and we would therefore respectfully urge upon His Highness' Government, the great importance of having a large part of the line renewed at an early date.

The water is very often unsatisfactory from a bacteriological standard, probably due to the frequent bursts and repairs to the line. Though we are grateful for the intention of His Highness' Government to provide Ultra Violet Rays as a further means of protection at the source of supply, yet we feel that without a sound pipe line, sterilising at the source is of little avail.

We learn with regret that the removal of Kodahalli village with its cemetery on the borders of the Bethamangalam Tank is not to be proceeded with, though its removal was promised after the Dewan's inspection so far back as 1906.

Public Health.

We are happy in being able to record that in the past year, we have been free from epidemics of any kind and this is reflected in the death rate of our area which has been lower than the average of the quinquennium preceding 1921.

We gratefully acknowldege the co-operation of the Public Health Department in their endeavour to promote and maintain the Public Health.

Closing Remarks.

In conclusion, I beg to tender to you, Sir, and to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja, the hearty thanks of the Mining Board for the courtesy with which their representations have at all times been received and at the same time to repeat the expression of our convictions that your appointment to the High Office with which you have been entrusted, afford a lively hope for the success of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Henry M. A. Cooke,
Chairman.

II.

THE MYSORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, BANGALORE.

Sir,

On behalf of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce, may we take this opportunity to offer for your kind acceptance, the hearty congratulations of the Chamber on your elevation to the exalted office of Dewan of the State. You have been called to the Office at a time when the administration stands in urgent need of all the strength, courage and capacity that we have learnt to expect from you. We have admiringly watched your career during the past six years in the State; and it is a deep satisfaction to us that His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to affix the stamp of his high approbation on your services by appointing you to the highest position of trust and responsibility in the State. We beg to assure you that we have full confidence in your ability, judgment and patriotism; and we feel we have every reason to hope that your administration will be one of many-sided progress and prosperity for Mysore.

2. It is needless for us to expatiate on the universally recognised truth that trade and industry are the mainspring of a people's wealth and welfare, and that, if Mysore is to march forward and take her place among the advanced nations of the world, her commerce has to be fostered and developed with special care and solicitude. We recollect, Sir, that you have yourself often spoken in support of such a policy, and we fully anticipate that, in your time and under your wise guidance, the task of the world's economic reconstruction, begun with splendid enthusiasm by Sir M. Visvesvaraya, will be pushed on with equal zeal and unqualified success. We beg to assure you, Sir, of our humble support and co-operation in all measures that you may undertake for building up trade and industry in the State.

3. We wish to take this opportunity to invite your special attention to the several urgent suggestions relating to the improvement of trade and industry in Mysore, made by the Chamber on several occasions.

4. We pray that Government may be pleased to bestow early consideration on the following, among our many present grievances:—

1. The allotment of a seat in the Legislative Council for a representative of the Chamber.
2. The unusual delay in the judicial procedure in the civil courts of Mysore.
3. The shortage of locomotive and rolling stock on the State Railways.
4. The urgency of the introduction of the telephone system in Mysore and Bangalore.
5. The abnormal rise of electric power rates for industrial purposes.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
M. RAMACHANDRA RAO SINDIA,
TUBEGERE NANJAPPA,
Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce.

III.

THE MALNAD LANDHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION, HOSAKOPPA.

SIR,

On behalf of the Malnad Landholders' Association, I deem it an honor and a privilege to present you with this Address on the occasion of the Dasara Session of this Assembly.

We take this first opportunity to give expression to our profound feelings of thankfulness to His Highness the Maharaja for appointing you as Dewan of our State and to your goodself for having accepted the office. A better choice especially at a momentous period of the history of the State could not have been made.

Of the 'twelve questions' which you have selected as being foremost for the improved administration of the State, we are glad to find the 'Malnad Improvement' to be one. As Officiating Dewan, and as Councillor you have always evinced keen interest in Malnad affairs and we shall not hope in vain for an early solution of the vexed problems of Malnad.

It is now conclusively proved that all Malnad troubles are more of an economic than sanitary origin. It is the want of men and money which is turning the bounteous Malnad into a desolate country. In these respects the people are left with no means of relief that can be devised by themselves and the consequences are terrible. With the sole idea of removing these disabilities of the Malnad our Association have been time and again pressing upon the attention of His Highness' Government the necessity for the creation of a 'Land Mortgage Bank' for relieving indebtedness, a 'Labour Supply Agency' for supply of steady labour and a 'Trade Syndicate' for the promotion of the decaying areca trade. Although the Government have fully recognised the necessity and utility of these schemes put forward by the Association, we are sorry their consideration has been indefinitely postponed for one reason or other. May we not hope and trust that during your regime they will all mature and you would earn the gratitude of the Malnad people for giving immediate effect to the schemes.

We renew our request for the abolition of the 'Supari Cess' and the 'Irrigation Cess' which are both unjustifiable and are seriously telling upon the economic conditions of the already heavily taxed, poor people of Malnad.

The Stamp Act is now on the anvil of the Legislative Council and though it is not a direct taxation, it affects litigation and justice is made costlier. It must

be the ambition of the administrators to cheapen administration of civil and criminal justice, so that even the poor and humble may have the benefits of a civilised administration. There are other means of retrenchment to balance the budget and our Association is alive to the fact that authorities of the central Government may not be unaware of tapping those sources.

Regarding the Judicial reform in the Malnad districts, the Association is obliged to draw the attention of Government to the fact that one court located at Tarikere is not enough to handle the criminal cases arising in the taluks of Tarikere, Narasimharajapura, Koppa and Sringeri, and above all the distance is a great factor. We request that one more stipendiary magistrate be located at Narasimharajapura or anywhere in the Koppa Taluk. The batta now given to the police officers is enough to maintain a second class magistrate's court. People are put to untold of miseries and are exposed to several dangers by having to travel over sixty miles and without any means of reliable communications. People living in the maidan have no idea of the difficulties of travel in Malnad. We pray for an early solution of this problem.

We are thankful to you for having consented to open the Agumbe Hospital which is a gift to the public by Sowcar Venkataramanaiya, and that will be one of the centres for giving help to the sick. We are anxious that it may be made a model hospital for Malnad.

We take this opportunity to invite you to visit Malnad parts and need we assure you that a warm welcome awaits you. We are glad that you will meet the members of the South Canara District Board who are desirous of meeting you at a convenient place for an exchange of views regarding the linking of Mysore and Mangalore. Our trade lies with South Canara and a closer linking is necessary for the development of Malnad.

Regarding the constitutional reforms promised to be announced, whatever may be the public opinion about their adequacy or otherwise, we shall look forward to at least a liberal policy in their working in practice. In this connection, we wish to state that our Association is one which represents the special interests of landed classes and those of the tenantry of the Malnad and in consideration of the special interest which it represents and which are not otherwise well represented, we humbly beg to represent that the Government would be graciously pleased to extend to it in addition to the privilege of returning a member to this Assembly that of returning one member to the Reformed Council.

In conclusion, we pray you, Sir, to kindly convey to our beloved Sovereign our feelings of loyalty and devotion to His Highness' person, family and throne.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
H. S. GANESH RAO,
Representative,
The Malnad Landholders' Association,
Hosakoppa.

IV.

THE SOUTH MYSORE EUROPEAN PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION.

SIR,

On behalf of The South Mysore Planters' Association, I beg to offer you respectfully our hearty congratulations on your appointment to the Dewanship of the State and to express to you how we welcome it. We are convinced that your well merited appointment will be of great benefit to the whole of the State, and, although the beginning of your term of office unfortunately coincides with a most regretable financial stringency, we feel assured that your regime will be one of increasing prosperity for Mysore.

We believe that such prosperity is largely dependent upon the development of railways and take this opportunity to lay before you and to ask your most earnest consideration for the longhoped-for Hassan-Mangalore line. We are encouraged to do so at the present time, in spite of the financial stringency already referred to, partly because we are given to understand that the Batkal scheme, to which we were always opposed, has been postponed, partly because we understand that South Canara is very anxious to see the Hassan-Mangalore connection made, but chiefly because we are convinced that the maximum usefulness of the Mysore Railway system and the development of the State generally can never be attained until direct railway communication from Hassan to Mangalore and the West Coast is established. Such communication would be an invaluable asset to the State and the money spent upon it would be invested to the best advantage. We wish therefore respectfully to represent to you the prime importance and great value of the very early construction of this line.

In conclusion, may I reiterate The South Mysore Planters' Association's hearty congratulations on your appointment and convey to you our very good wishes for the future.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,
THE SOUTH MYSORE PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION.

V.

THE VOKKALIGARA SANGHA, BANGALORE.

SIR,

On behalf of the Vokkaligara Sangha which represents the Yeomanry of the Mysore State, I beg to express the sincere rejoicings of the Vokkaligara Community on your elevation to this exalted office. In the short space of six months that you have been the Dewan, we rejoice to find that you have given sufficient proofs of your singular tact, ability and solicitude for the rural population of the State.

During your recent tour in some of the districts, which you undertook in spite of your ill-health in your anxiety to personally investigate the grievances of the people in the interior of the State, you have been able to realise how the ryots and the depressed classes are sorely tried by the local officials especially of the Revenue and Police Departments, how they live a hand to mouth existence and how the inefficiency of the Taluk and District Administration has contributed to these deplorable results, and we confidently expect that you will soon raise the tone of this administration and improve the lot of the poor and the oppressed.

Water-supply to towns, improvement of village sanitation and of Major and Minor Tanks, speedy disposal of darkast and other applications and the increase of educational facilities in rural areas which are all vital to the prosperity of the rural population have attracted your attention and you were so kind and generous as to give definite assurances to set matters right even in spite of the financial stringency. I need hardly add that these promises have infused cheer and hope in the minds of the population and we pray that you might be endowed with strength and will to carry out these benevolent intentions.

We are much concerned to find that the Government Orders on the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee have hit the officers of the backward communities hard. As every one knows, it is extremely difficult for these communities to get into Gazetted appointments, much more so to rise in them, and the Gazetted service is in consequeuce very meagerly represented by these officers. We therefore request that Government will be pleased to give immediate effect to the principles underlying the Miller Committee Report which they have already definitely accepted and safeguard their interests and grant them adequate representation in service by withholding premature retirements, by giving deserved promotions and by making increased recruitment.

In this connection we beg to lay stress on the fact that the representation of Vokkaligars in the Government service is utterly inadequate and absolutely meagre and even the condition of the very few who are fortunate enough to be there is not encouraging. Though a Recruitment Board has been formed to see that all the backward communities get proper representation in service in proportion to their numerical strength, we are sorry to say that Vokkaligars are left in the background, as has been their condition for centuries. Out of the 24 applications received from Vokkaligara candidates only 3 have been offered any posts. Two graduates have been vainly going from office to office seeking for appointments only to encounter disappointment and despair. We pray, Sir, that you would see justice done to the Vokkaligar community by providing eligible candidates with suitable appointments at least in proportion to their population, by taking more recruits to gazetted service and by safeguarding the interests of the Vokkaligar Gazetted officers who are not faring as well as they ought to, for no fault of theirs.

It is well-known that you have progressive ideas and we look forward that in your regime our State will march along on progressive lines enjoying many beneficial schemes and measures conducive to the good of the people, and it is our special desire that you may be pleased to give tone, importance and dignity to the Representative Assembly by conceding to it more liberal powers of interpellation, debate and moving resolutions and making it a really useful and popular body.

We take this opportunity to express our genuine feelings of joy and pleasure at the birth of a Royal Princess to our beloved Patron, His Highness the Yuvaraja of Mysore, and I request you to convey our heartfelt congratulations to His Highness on the auspicious event.

In conclusion, we beg to state that your elevation to the honoured and dignified office of Prime Minister of this important State raises in us many hopes and aspirations and we fully believe that by the blessings of God, you will be able to fulfil the lofty ambition of Mysore for which you have been so fittingly appointed by our beloved Maharaja, His Highness Colonel Sir Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur, G.C.S.I., who, it is our pride and pleasure to acknowledge with heartfelt loyalty and deep gratitude, is always solicitous for the peace, progress and prosperity of his humble subjects.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
THE MEMBERS OF THE VOKKALIGARA SANGHA.

VI.

THE LINGAYET EDUCATION FUND ASSOCIATION, BANGALORE.

SIR,

In presenting this address, the Veerashaivas of Mysore beg to tender their sincere and respectful homage to their beloved sovereign His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, and request you to be so good as to convery to His Highness their expression of deep loyalty to the Throne and His August Person. The Veerashaiva Community take this opportunity of repeating the pleasure which they felt at your elevation to the high Office of Dewan of Mysore.

You are well aware, Sir, that we form a large proportion of the population of the State, and that we have considerable interest in Agriculture, Commerce and other productive walks of life, and you are not at the same time unaware of our disabilities also. Though the members of this community form 12% of the total population of the State, their number in the public service, and especially in the Higher Grades is quite insignificant. In the districts of Shimoga, Chitaldrug, Kadur and Hassan, where we are numerically strong, the educational facilities afforded are inadequate. In recent years sufficient facilities are being created at Bangalore, the great centre of Education, by means of Hostel accommodation under the efforts of some of the leaders of this community and the encouragement

given by the benign Government of His Highness the Maharaja. But this does not meet all our wants. In the districts referred to above, and also in the districts of Mysore and Tumkur we want more schools of the type contemplated in the Government Orders on the Education Memorandum. From the reply given at the Legislative Council on the 18th September 1922, it is seen that only 102 Aided Schools are going to be converted into Government Institutions this year, though the Government Order of May 1921 contemplated the conversion of 250 schools, and the sum of Rs. 1,48,000 which is intended to be spent for the purpose of working out the scheme is too inadequate. Whatever the Financial stress may be, all are agreed that Educational Progress cannot be made to wait, and we desire to press the claims of Education in the Shimoga, Chitaldrug, Kadur and Hassan Districts, which are too backward in this respect. Without the rapid introduction of the provisions of the Education Memorandum into these parts, there will be no uniform spread of Education in the State. In this connection we further beg to reiterate and urge on your immediate consideration, the great disadvantage under which we have continuously suffered by the non-admission of our students into the Sanskrit schools and colleges which are maintained by the State. We pray that in your time, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja will see fit to remove this disability, for which we will ever be under a deep debt of gratitude. The Education Board of the Economic Conference to which important questions are referred by Government for opinion has not on it a fair representation of the Veerashaiva Community which, as you know, is spending large sums of money of its own on hostels and other institutions required for Educational progress of the members of the community.

Your recent tour in the dry districts has certainly convinced you of the need for a pure water-supply in the District Headquarter Towns and in other growing commercial centres like Davangere, Tiptur and Gubbi. We hope that these questions will receive early attention at your hands. You have also seen how neglected the rural parts of the State are in regard to the Medical Relief and Sanitation. More than 90 per cent of the population live in villages, which have been rightly described as "Collections of insanitary dwellings constructed on dung-hills." We are aware how difficult it is for Government to grapple with the sanitation of the rural parts. The people are regidly conservative, firmly set in their ways, and wedded by long usage to social customs, which are at variance with modern conceptions of public and private sanitation. Unless their whole out-look on such matters can be changed by the spread of modern education, the problem of rural sanitation can never be successfully solved.

The seasonal conditions this year are causing anxiety. The tank-filling rains have disappointed us. The rain fall required even for the dry crops has not been sufficient in many parts. We have no doubt that the Government are fully informed of the adverse conditions in all parts in the State, and earnestly hope that they are ready to meet the situation, if it should become unfortunately worse.

We venture to submit in passing that to create more educational facilities, to meet the cost of measures to afford water-supply, medical relief and sanitation additional funds are necessary. We are thankful for the retrenchments already made but they are by no means sufficient to restore the budget equilibrium and to meet urgent wants. The higher grades of the service require more pruning. If the Government cannot see eye to eye with all the proposals for retrenchment made by the Special Finance Committee, resort may be had to other feasible means by which the end in view can be attained.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity, Sir, to assure you that we are always ready and willing to co-operate with the Government of His Highness the Maharaja and help them to solve their difficulties to the best of our ability.

In conclusion, we pray for your long life, prosperity and the success of your administration.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,

THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS
OF THE MYSORE LINGAYET EDUCATION
FUND ASSOCIATION, BANGALORE.

VII.

THE CENTRAL MOHAMEDAN ASSOCIATION, BANGALORE.

SIR,

I had the privilege last May of congratulating you, on behalf of the Central Mohamedan Association, on your elevation to the Dewanship of Mysore, and to express the gratification of my community at the high trust reposed in you by His Highness. It is not necessary now to repeat those sentiments, but suffice it to say that during the short term you have been at the helm of affairs the expectations we had formed of you have been more than realised; and we wish you god-speed in the performance of your onerous duties.

I take this opportunity of expressing also our acknowledgments to Sirdar M. Kantaraj Urs Bahadur, who had, during his tenure of office, by his active sympathy with the cause of the Backward Communities, endeared himself to the people of the State. We were deeply grieved to hear of his illness and feel greatly relieved to know that he has now completely recovered. We pray that continued good health may be vouchsafed to him in his well-earned retirement.

Of all the reforms foreshadowed in your Budget Speech at the Legislative Council, the purity and the efficiency of the District Administration is the one that will long be remembered. That you are earnest about this is evidenced from the fact that you started on your tour so soon after and at such a sacrifice comfort. Your searching inquiries into even the minute details of administration, your personal inspection of various institutions, and, above all, your frank and sympathetic exchange of views with the representatives of the people will, I feel sure, conduce to a higher level of administrative efficiency and will win the hearty co-operation of the people. This is, indeed, a happy and promising beginning of your administration and I have great pleasure in congratulating you on the success that has attended your endeavours.

You have assumed charge of your office under very unpropitious financial conditions, when there has been an insistent call for retrenchment in every direction. Times like these are sufficient to tax the utmost resources of any administrator. But you have succeeded, Sir, by your untiring efforts and tactfulness in restoring the financial stability of the State; and the promptness with which orders have been passed on the recommendations of the Finance Committee is a matter for particular gratification.

Though measures conducive to general economy are necessary in the present financial condition, we are afraid they will hit the Backward Classes very hard. We, therefore, trust that the retrenchments ordered will be given effect to in such a way that the number of officers and officials among the Backward Classes, small as it is, will not be further reduced.

It was very unfortunate that the financial crisis should come at a time when the introduction of great educational reforms, involving a thorough reorganisation of our educational system, was contemplated. But that some beginning has already been made is highly commendable. The cause of education, allow me to say, Sir, is perhaps the last thing which any progressive people could let suffer even in more trying times. But I believe, it must suffer so long as the people regard education as a charge entirely on the general revenues of the State. What monies the State can allocate therefor will needs be but a portion of the total educational expenditure and it is for the people, if they are alive to the importance of popular education, to co-operate with the State by payment of Special Educational Cess. I, therefore, fervently appeal to the people of Mysore generally to come to the aid of the Government in rendering effective certain, at least, of the more important features of the Educational Memorandum.

Coming now to the special needs of my community I should express to the Government the gratitude of the Mussalmans of the State for all that has been done to ameliorate their condition, especially in the field of education. But I should be failing in my duty should I omit to point out certain of the directions in which improvement is still needed. During your last tour you might have observed, Sir, the dilapidated and unhygienic condition of the buildings in which our schools are housed. The staff in most of the Anglo-Hindustani Schools is still inadequate; and

the inspecting agency requires strengthening. The existing separate organisation of Moslem Education, if it is to work efficiently, requires a centralisation of administration and we have often urged upon the Government the need of a special Provincial officer who will be in immediate charge of the entire Mohamedan Education and will be responsible to the Inspector-General. We pray it will receive your early attention.

Some years ago we had voiced the desire for the provision of English as a Second Language in schools for Muslim girls. The demand has since increased in volume. It is, therefore, earnestly hoped that this opportunity will be availed of by the Government to open Anglo-Hindustani Schools for girls in, at least, the two important centres of Bangalore and Mysore.

The creation of a chair of Arabic in the University is also overdue; and Moslem students who wish to take up Arabic for Graduate and Post-Graduate Courses do not find any provision made for them.

In a progressive State like ours, conditions change rapidly and new problems arise, requiring fresh adjustments and new solutions. The need of such adjustment in the case of Mohamedan Education has been of late keenly felt. But the whole question requires special thought and consideration. I would, therefore, suggest that a special Conference of Moslem officials and non-officials, similar to the one convened a few years ago when you were the member in charge of Education, may be called for to go through the details of the improvement necessary in the present Mohamedan Education (including the present system of administering scholarships) and to formulate their recommendations with due regard to the conclusions already reached at the previous conference and in the light of the general policy of the Government as enunciated in their orders on the Educational Memorandum.

In the recruitment to Public Services, the representation of my community has been negligible. I would invite your kind attention particularly to page 53 of the New Civil List. Among 25 Munsiffs on the list there is hardly a single Mussalman, although a fair number of Moslem Law-graduates are available. And in the Amildari grades of the Revenue Service the number of Mussalmans has been gradually decreasing every year, with the result that there are at present not more than three or four Mussalmans among 79 Amildars and Deputy Amildars. We trust this will receive the early attention of your Government.

Before concluding, let me say, Sir, that my community, in common with others, is eagerly looking forward to reforms in the governance of the State that have been generously promised; and we have no doubt they will be in conformity with the liberal traditions of this progressive State, without at the same time impairing in the least manner the personal authority and rule of our gracious ruler, His Highness the Maharaja, whose personal solicitude for the well-being and progress of his subjects is so well-known. But in these days when the interests of minorities are so scrupulously safeguarded, it will not be out of place to express the hope that the principle of the effective representation of the minorities will receive due recognition in the framing of the revised constitution. At all events, allow me to add, nothing short of that amount of recognition which has been accorded to our community in British India will give us any satisfaction.

It remains for me now, Sir, to express the devotion and deep and abiding loyalty of my community to the person and throne of His Highness the Maharaja, and to request you to be pleased to convey to our benign Sovereign the profound gratitude of the Mussalmans of the State for the dedication and endowment of a beautiful mosque at Mysore. The Moslem World in India feel highly grateful to His Highness for this gracious act, and the mosque will ever remain as the monument of the liberality of His Highness and the catholicity of his views.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

MOHAMMED ABBAS KHAN,

Representative Member of the Central Mahomedan Association of Mysore, Bangalore.

VIII.

THE JAINA EDUCATION FUND ASSOCIATION, MYSORE.

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ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಅಮಾತ್ಯಪದವಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನಾಳುವ ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರು ನೇಮಿಸಿದುದರಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮಗಳಿಗುಂಟಾಗಿರುವ ಸಂತೋಷಾತಿಶಯವನ್ನು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ವಿಜ್ಞಾಪಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅಪ್ಪಣೆಯನ್ನು ಬೇಡುತ್ತೇವೆ. ತಾವು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲ್ ಮೆಂಬರೂ, ಆಕ್ಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿವಾನರೂ ಆಗಿ ಸುಮಾರು 7-8 ವರುಷಗಳಿಂದಲೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದು, ನಮ್ಮ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಗತಿಗಳೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಜನ್ನಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ; ಮತ್ತು ತಾವು ಅಮಾತ್ಯಪದವಿಯನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಸಂಚರಿಸಿ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗಿರುವ ಕುಂದುಕೊರತೆಗಳೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿದು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜ ಸಾಹೆಬ್ಬರವರ ಸಮಸ್ತ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಪಾತ್ರರಾಗಿರುತ್ತೀರೆಂಬ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಸೂಚಿಸಲು ಸಂತೋಷಪಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ನಮ್ಮ ಜೈನಸಮಾಜವು ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಭಾಗಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಹಿಂದೆಬಿದ್ದಿರುವ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರಲು ಕುತ ಹಲ ಪಡುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಘನವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ ತಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಪೂರ್ವದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಮಾಜದ ಉಚ್ಚಾವ್ಯಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನೂ ಹಿಂದೂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಮೊದಲಾದ ಭಾಷಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಜೈನಸಮಾಜವು ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನೂ ಮನಸ್ಸಿಗೆ ತಂದುಕೊಂಡು ಪ್ರಜಾಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ ಮೇರೆಯೇ ಗಮನವಿಟ್ಟು ಈಗ ಮಾಡಿರುವಂತೆ ಮೈನರ್ ಕಮ್ಯೂನಿಟಿಗಳ ಗ್ರೂಪಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸದೆ ಸ್ಪೆಷಲ್ ಕಮ್ಯೂನಿಟಿಯೆಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಭಾವಿಸಿ ಈಗ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ವೇತನಗಳನ್ನೂ, ವಿದ್ಯಾವಂತರಿಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ನೌಕರಿಗಳೇ ಮುಂತಾದ ರಿಯಾಯಿತಿಗಳನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಇತರ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಮ್ಯೂನಿಟಿಗಳೂ ನಾನಾ ವಿಧದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ರಿಯಾಯಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿ ಮುಂದುವರಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವಾಗ ಪ್ರಜಾಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯು ಕಮ್ಮಿಯಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂಬ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ನಮಗೆ ಸಿಕ್ಕಬೇಕಾದ ಅನುಕೂಲತೆಗಳು ದೊರೆಯದೆ ನಾವು ಹಿಂದೆ ಬೀಳುತ್ತಿರುವುದನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಘನವಾದ ಚಿತ್ತಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದು ನಮಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ರಿಯಾಯಿತಿಗಳನ್ನೂ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಉಂಟಾಗಿರುವ ದ್ರವ್ಯಾಭಾವದ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟುಮೆಂಟುಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನೂ, ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳನ್ನೂ, ಕಮ್ಮಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಲಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತೈದು ವರ್ಷ ಸರ್ವಿಸ್ ಮಾಡಿದವರನ್ನೂ, ಐವತ್ತು ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಚೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ವಯಸ್ಸಾದವರನ್ನೂ, ಹಂಗಾಮಿ ಹುದ್ದೇದಾರರನ್ನೂ ತೆಗೆದುಹಾಕುತ್ತಲಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಆದರೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಮಾಜದವರ ಪೈಕಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿನೌಕರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೈಯರ್ ಗ್ರೇಡ್ ಸರ್ವಿಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬರೂ, ಸಬಾರ್ಡಿನೇಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ಲೋಯರ್ ಗ್ರೇಡ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 7-8 ಜನಗಳೂ ಮಾತ್ರವೇ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದಲೂ, ಹಾಲಿ ರಿಟ್ರೆಂಚ್‌ಮೆಂಟಿನಿಂದ ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ಪಂಗಡದವರಿಗೇನೆ ಹಾನಿಯುಗುತ್ತಲಿರುವುದರಿಂದಲೂ, ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ಗೌರ್ನಮೆಂಟಿನವರು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಕೆಲವರಿಗೆ ಸರ್ವಿಸ್ಸಿನಿಂದ ರಿಟ್ರೈರಾಗಲು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಹುಕುಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಪುನರಾಲೋಚಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಈಗ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವೈಸೂರುಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಿಗೆ ಬ್ರಾಹ್ಮಣೇತರರನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸುವ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪೆಷಲ್ ಕಮಿಟಿಯವರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರಬವರು ಕೇಳಿರುವುದು ಸರಿಯಷ್ಟೆ. ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿರುವ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ವಿಮರ್ಶಿಸಿ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತ ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸವು ಎಲ್ಲರಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಹರಡಿ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಜ್ಞಾನವಂತರೂ, ಧರ್ಮಮಾರ್ಗಿಗಳೂ ಸದಾಚಾರಿಗಳೂ ಆಗಲು ಸಾಧಕವಾಗುವಂತಹ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತವನ್ನು ಎರಡು ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಓದಲು ಅಪ್ಪಣೆಕೊಡಿಸಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳ ಕೃತಜ್ಞತೆಗೆ ಪಾತ್ರರಾಗುವಿರೆಂದು ನಂಬಿರುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ದ್ರವ್ಯವ್ಯಯವು ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೊಸ ಹೊಸ ಕಂದಾಯಗಳು ನಾನಾರೂಪವಾಗಿ ಹಾಕಲ್ಪಡುತ್ತಲಿವೆ; ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳ ದ್ರವ್ಯಾರ್ಜನಾಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನೂ, ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಸೀದಾ ಕಂದಾಯವೆಷ್ಟೆಂಬುದನ್ನೂ, ಬ್ರಿಟಿಷ್ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗೆ ಪರಿಹಾರೆಯಾಗಿ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕಂದಾಯವೆಷ್ಟೆಂಬುದನ್ನೂ ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವು ಚಿತ್ತಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಕೋರುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಖರೀ ಕಂದಾಯವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ದೇಶವು ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ರಿಕ್ತಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ಬರಲು ಕಾರಣವಾಗುತ್ತೆಂಬುದು ತಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯದ ವಿಷಯವಲ್ಲವು. ಬ್ರಿಟಿಷ್ ಇಂಡಿಯದಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಗಳು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಎರಡು ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಗಳ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮನಾಗುತ್ತಾದುದರಿಂದ, ಅಲ್ಲಿಯಂತೆಯೇ ನಮ್ಮ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಗಳನ್ನೂ ಕ್ರಮೇಣ ಕಮ್ಮಿ ಮಾಡುವುದರಿಂದಲೂ, ಕುಣಿಗಲ್ ಸ್ಟೆಡ್ ಫಾರಂನಿಂದ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವಿಲ್ಲವಾಗಿ ಫೈನಾನ್ಸ್ ಕಮಿಟಿಯವರ ಇಷ್ಟಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅದನ್ನು ತೆಗದುಹಾಕಿ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿದ ಜಮೀನುಗಳೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಸಾಗುವಳಿಗೆ ತರುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವುದರಿಂದಲೂ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ, ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ, ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾದ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ ಕೊಡುವುದೇ ಮುಂತಾದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಸಂಪತ್ತನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಿ ತನ್ಮೂಲಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಹುಟ್ಟುವಳಿಯಾಗುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಹಣದ ಕೊರತೆಯು ಸರಿಪಡುವುದೆಂಬ ವಿಚಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಗಮನ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಲ್ಲದೆ ಕೇವಲ ಕಂದಾಯವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಬೇಕೆಂಬ ವಿಚಾರಕ್ಕೇನೇ ಗಮನ ಕೊಡಕೂಡದಾಗಿ ಕೋರುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಭದ್ರಾವತಿ ಕಬ್ಬಿಣದ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗೆ ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಕೋಟ್ಯಂತರ ರೂ ಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಖರ್ಚಾಗಿರುವುದಲ್ಲದೆ, ಇನ್ನೂ ಕೋಟಿರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಖರ್ಚಾಗಬಹುದೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಯುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇದರಿಂದ ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿಯು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬ ವಿಚಾರವು ಜನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇಷ್ಟೊಂದು ದ್ರವ್ಯವನ್ನೊದಗಿಸಿ ಈ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಎಷ್ಟರವಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವಿರುತ್ತೆಂಬ ವಿಚಾರವು ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲದಿರುವುದರಿಂದಲೂ ಮತ್ತು

ಈ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯು ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಬದಗಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ದ್ರವ್ಯವೆಷ್ಟೆಂಬುದು ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲದಿರುವುದರಿಂದಲೂ ಈ ವಿಚಾರಗಳೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟುಮಾಡಲು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ಅರ್ಹರಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನೂ, ಇತರ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಮನುಷ್ಯರನ್ನೂ, ಅನುಭವಶಾಲಿಗಳನ್ನೂ ಸೇರಿಸಿ ಒಂದು ಕಮಿಟಿಯನ್ನು ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಅತ್ಯವಶ್ಯಕವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೀಗೆ ಕಮಿಟಿಯನ್ನು ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗ ಜನಗಳ ಮನಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಸಾಲ ನೂಡಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿಯಿಲ್ಲದ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಖರ್ಚುಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವೂ, ಈ ಖರ್ಚುಗಳಿಗೋಸ್ಕರ ಹೊಸಹೊಸ ತೆರುಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕುತ್ತಿರುವರೆಂಬ ಭಯವೂ ದೂರವಾಗಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಲ್ಲಿ ಭರವಸೆಯು ಹೆಚ್ಚಲು ಕಾರಣವಾಗುತ್ತಾದ್ದರಿಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೇಳಿದಂತೆ ಒಂದು ಕಮಿಟಿಯನ್ನು ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸಿ ಅವರ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟನ್ನು ಘಾಯಿಷ್ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಹಾಲಿ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದ್ದ ಮೈಸೂರು ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರದ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ದ್ರವ್ಯದ ಕೊರತೆಯಿಂದ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿದೆಯಷ್ಟೆ. ಅದನ್ನು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಷ್ಟು ಬೇಗ ಪೂರೈಸುವ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಮಾಡುವುದಲ್ಲದೆ ಈ ಲೈನನ್ನು ಈ ರೋಡಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸುವುದು ಅತ್ಯವಶ್ಯಕವಾದದ್ದಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಲೈನನ್ನು ಹಾಕುವವರೆಗೂ ಈಗ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮೈಸೂರು ಅರಸೀಕೆರೆ ರೈಲ್ವೆಯಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಆದಾಯವಿಲ್ಲದುದರಿಂದಲೂ ಈರೋಡು ಲೈನು ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಅತ್ಯಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದಲೂ ಈ ಲೈನನ್ನು ಹಾಕುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತಗಲುವ ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು ಲೋ ಮೂಲಕ ಜಮಾಯಿಸಿ ಶೀಘ್ರದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ರೈಲ್ವೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಕರ ಮೇಲೂ, ಸಾಮಾನುಗಳ ಮೇಲೂ, ಬ್ರಿಟಿಷ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾದಲ್ಲಿರುವಂತೆ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಇಳಿಯೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಈ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ದರಗಳಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹಿಂದೆ ಯೋಚಿಸಿದ್ದಷ್ಟು ವಿಶೇಷ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬುದು ತಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿದೇ ಇದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಮ್ಮಿಮಾಡುವುದರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿಯಾಗುವುದಲ್ಲದೆ ಇದಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾದ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರ ಸಂಚಾರಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲಗಳುಂಟಾಗುತ್ತವೆಂದಾಗಿ ಮುಂಚಿನಂತೆಯೇ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಮ್ಮಿಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ತಾವು ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆನ್ಸಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯೂ, ಕೊಚ್ಚಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಖ್ಯಾತಿವಡೆದು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ 7-8 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದಲೂ ಶ್ರೀಮದ್ ಮಹಾರಾಜ ಸಾಹೇಬ್ ಬಹದ್ದೂರವರ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳು ಉಚ್ಚ್ರಾಯಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ಬರುವುದಕ್ಕೋಸ್ಕರ ಎಷ್ಟೋ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯವಾದ ಸಲಹೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈಗ ಅವುಗಳೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಆಚರಣೆಗೆ ತರತಕ್ಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಭುಗಳವರು ತಮಗೇ ದಯಪಾಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ತಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ಸಲಹೆಗಳೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತಂದು ದೇಶದ ಸಂಪತ್ತನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸುವುದರ ಮೂಲಕವೂ, ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವುದರ ಮೂಲಕವೂ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳ ಕೃತಜ್ಞತೆಗೆ ಪಾತ್ರರಾಗುವಿರೆಂಬುದಾಗಿ ದೃಢವಾಗಿ ನಂಬುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಭಗವಂತನು ಶ್ರೀಮದ್ ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರಿಗೂ, ಶ್ರೀಮದ್ಯುವರಾಜರವರಿಗೂ, ರಾಜಪುತ್ರಪುತ್ರಿಯವರಿಗೂ, ರಾಜಕುಟುಂಬದವರಿಗೂ, ತಮಗೂ ದೀರ್ಘಾಯುರಾರೋಗ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ದಯಪಾಲಿಸಿ ಈ ಅಮಾತ್ಯಪದವಿಯನ್ನು ಬಹುಕಾಲದನಂತರಿಗೆ ತಾವೇ ಅನುಭವಿಸುವಂತೆ ಅನುಗ್ರಹಿಸಲೆಂದು ಸದಾ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುವ,

ತಮ್ಮ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ವಿಧೇಯರಾದ

ಜೈನ ಎಜ್ಯುಕೇಷ್ನ್ ಫಂಡ್ ಅಸೋಸಿಯೇಷ್ನ್ ಮೆಂಬರುಗಳು.

IV.

THE INDIAN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, BANGALORE.

SIR,

In presenting this address the Indian Christian Community beg to present their sincere and most loyal homage to their beloved and gracious sovereign His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore and request you to convey to His Highness their whole-hearted expression of deep devotion and loyalty.

The Indian Christians of Mysore are also glad to convey to you Sir, and your Council their high appreciation of the wise statemanship you have exhibited in grappling with the financial situation of the State, and beg to assure you of their loyal and whole-hearted support and co-operation on the various measures of reforms contemplated by you and are anxious to bear their own share of the administration of the State along with the other subjects of His Highness the Maharaja and keenly look forward to the new administrative reforms.

Some matters of vital importance to the community have been submitted to you and to your predecessors from time to time and we trust that our representation will receive your sympathy and kind consideration. Now we would bring to

your notice that the present system of awarding scholarships on the basis of population is unsatisfactory, in as much as some communities are not able to avail themselves of the full number of scholarships to which they are entitled, whereas the Indian Christian Community, along with some other communities suffer; because the student applicants for scholarships from the community are proportionately far more in number. We trust that a suitable arrangement will be made to increase the number of scholarships to such poor communities as ours who are forward in the matter of education.

We beg to bring to your kind notice that our community is becoming increasingly conscious of the lack of sufficient self dependence and is making strenuous efforts to be self reliant. We are grateful to our Western Missionaries who have helped us ungrudgingly but we do desire being given proper facility to shoulder our own burden and we look forward to the benign Government for due recognition of our community and its needs and material support for such progress.

We pray that the requests made repeatedly in this assembly for the representation of our community in the different Local Boards, Economic Conference and other representative bodies, may be kindly granted. We also pray that a non-official member of the community may be nominated to the Legislative Council which is soon to be reconstituted.

We trust our repeated representation in the past for the removal of the disabilities arising from change of religion will now meet with due consideration and this blot be for ever removed from the fair name of this Model State.

We feel quite satisfied to present this humble representation to you, knowing full well that we have them in the safe hands and that our welfare is the main concern of our most enlightened and gracious ruler who is always solicitous of the welfare of the least of his subjects and through his fostering care and sound administration his humble subjects are ever made happy.

In conclusion Sir, we offer our earnest prayers for the richest blessing of Almighty God on our State, our Government and our Sovereign beseeching the Divine Ordering of all things for the increasing good and greater felicity of the people of Mysore, so that this Model State may lead in the van of the progress of our land.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
THE INDIAN CHRISTIANS OF MYSORE.

X.

THE ADI DRAVIDA ABHIVIRIDDHI SANGHAM, BANGALORE.

MOST RESPECTED SIR,

On behalf of the Panchamas of the State and in the name of the Adi Dravida Abhivriddhi Sangham, I beg you to submit to our beloved Sovereign His Highness the Maharaja our profound loyalty and devotion to His Throne, Person and Family.

We have rejoiced in company with the rest of His Highness' subjects at the birth of a Princess in the Royal House and we beg you to kindly submit our most humble felicitations to His Highness the Yuvaraja who has all along been our august Patron and has been the first to interest himself in the amelioration of our condition.

To us, Sir, who have been ground down by object poverty for centuries past, the appointment to the helm of the State, of the son of one who is perhaps the foremost and the most respected of social reformers of the day in India is full of happy augury. In offering once again our humble congratulations to you on your elevation to the High Office of Dewan, we are fully confident that your administration will be characterised by high-minded justice, selfless devotion to duty and a broad social outlook which is sure to result in considerable improvement in our

economic and social conditions. We devoutly pray to God Almighty in this the first year of your office that He may in His Omniscience grant you full strength and courage in the discharge of your onerous and responsible duties.

We do not want on this occasion to weary you with a catalogue of our wants, insistent though they are. These are already well-known to you, Sir, and no reiteration from us is necessary to ensure your gracious interest in their early solution. We shall content ourselves merely with praying for the early sanction of the Special Agency promised for our advancement. We pray also that we may be given at least one representative for our community on the Central Recruitment Board. We pray further that at least for a few years to come, every graduate from our community may be graciously nominated to the Civil Service or as Revenue Probationers as such kindness on the part of Government will act as a powerful lever to the education of our community.

I beg to subscribe myself
Most Respected Sir,
Your most obedient & humble servant,
P. MURUGESAM PILLAI,
Representative of the Adi Dravida Abhivriddhi Sangam.

XI.

THE MYSORE ARYA VAISYA MAHASABHA, BANGALORE.

SIR,

1. The Mysore Arya Vaisya Community whom it is my privilege to represent, desire me respectfully to reiterate their congratulations to you on your elevation to the exalted office of Dewan of Mysore and further request you to accept the assurance that they regard your elevation to the highest post in the State Service to be in its best interests as you have shown during the short period of your administration by the several measures of reforms adumberated by you.

2. It is a matter of common talk all over the State that your recent inspections of all the offices in the districts visited by you have been so thorough and searching that officers have begun to admire at your quick perception in bringing to light several irregularities and they consider that the begining of a new era has dawned upon the administration of the State. These inspections, I have no doubt, will act as incentives to local officers to follow in your footsteps and thus improve the efficiency of the District Administration.

3. Further your free access and interviews with the raiyat population irrespective of their position in life have taken away that glamour which generally keeps back the villagers from representing their genuine grievances. By such acts as these you have endeared yourself to His Highness' subjects.

4. In this connection I am tempted to quote an extract from our previous address to show how prophetic our words are.

"We have heard much about the various beneficient measures you introduced during your regime as Dewan of Cochin after taking the public fully into your confidence and giving them an opportunity to place their views before you. We are extremely glad that His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore has chosen you as Dewan at a time when a vigorous Administrator is required, with a view to bring about economy in every direction without impairing the efficiency of the Administration."

5. In our previous address we also said "We are aware that this violent dislocation of the Financial Equilibrium is a menace to progress but we take comfort in the hope that the Ship of the State is now in your able hands. Your fame as a great financier is a sufficient guarantee for your dealing with the present situation in a satisfactory manner."

6. And we now read with great satisfaction your orders on the Retrenchment Committee's Report on the several Branches of the Administration and we are glad that they are characteristic of your usual acumen and forethought which very few are gifted with.

7. We are confident that these retrenchments when brought into force will effect a great saving in the State exchequer and thus pave the way for the gradual elimination of the State Loans which your distinguished predecessor was obliged to raise owing to the great financial crisis brought about under circumstances for which he could not be held responsible.

8. As pointed out in some of our previous addresses, the Arya Vaisya Community who form a minority in the State, feel it a genuine grievance that no serious attempt has been made to safeguard their interests in connection with the Scholarship and other Committees. Nor has their grievance about the non-appointment of deserving young men in the public services received adequate attention. We take this opportunity to invite your kind attention to these and other topics.

9. Ancient Literature speaks that the Vaisya Community occupied high posts in the State and they were a great asset to the State. At present there are in our community some graduates in Arts and Engineering, both Mechanical and Electrical. None of them have been favoured with any appointment. Unless some of them are given graded appointments, there will be no chance of the members of our Community giving sound and higher education to their boys. They are generally inclined to take away their boys from schools as soon as they get a smattering of English. Thus we are deprived of the privilege of being of any service to the State which every community considers as a sacred duty.

10. Till last year at least one of our students reading in the B. A. Class in the Maharaja's College at Mysore used to get a Backward Community Scholarship but this year no such scholarship was granted.

11. It only remains for me to request you, in the name of the Arya Vaisya Community to convey our expressions of deep loyalty to His Highness the Maharaja.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
THE MYSORE ARYA VAISYA MAHASABHA.

XII.

THE KURUBARA SANGHA, BANGALORE.

SIR,

On behalf of the Kurubara Community which is one of the main agricultural and industrial communities in the State, I beg to offer you once more the hearty felicitations of our community upon your appointment to the high and responsible office of Dewan of Mysore by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, which is a truly well merited recognition of your high administrative abilities. At a time like this, when our State is passing through the greatest financial crisis, the choice for steering the State clear through the troubled waters could not have fallen on worthier shoulders.

Sir, before passing into other matters, I beg of you to kindly convey to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, the feelings of loyalty and devotion of our community to the Person and Throne of His Highness and our hearty congratulations to His Highness the Yuvaraja of Mysore on his getting a daughter. We pray that the new princess and her royal brother may be blessed with long life, happiness and prosperity.

The Kurubara Community, though a very large one, is one of the most backward communities in the State and has not been able to avail itself of the educational and other facilities provided for the subjects of the State, owing to lack of special encouragement which our community needed. As a result of the special efforts made by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja to uplift the backward classes, notably during the *regime* of Rajasevadhurina Sirdar Sir M. Kantaraj Urs, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., late Dewan of Mysore, our community also opened its eyes and started an Association for the amelioration and betterment of the community early this year. We are grateful to the Government for having been pleased to grant us

the privilege of sending a representative to this august Assembly, and to the District Board, Bangalore.

Sir, our community is very poorly represented in Public Service, and we pray that you may be pleased to consider the question of their adequate representation in the Public Services. It is only when more of our educated men are entertained in service that the community as a whole would get an inducement to avail itself of the educational facilities and we further pray that those of our community already in service may be treated in the matter of promotions preferentially. Our community is also not represented adequately, commensurate with its number and mportance, in the various public bodies, such as, Legislative Council, University, Taluk and District Boards, Economic Conference, Backward Scholarship Committees, Municipalities and Recruitment Board. We pray that the Government may give the community a better representation on them, which would go far to elevate, enlighten and develop the community.

The main profession of our community is sheep-rearing. But great difficulty is experienced by our members in Kadur and Shimoga Districts in securing suitable pastures. We pray that the Government may kindly appropriate some suitable lands for pasture at various places in the districts to facilitate and encourage sheep-rearing. Blanket weaving is the chief industry of the community and it may be within the knowledge of the Government that we have been able to meet a large portion of the demand for blankets during the Great War. Such being the case, we pray that the Government may give special encouragement for the manufacture of improved patterns of blankets and generally to consolidate the industry by securing suitable markets, etc.

Sir, the institution of backward class scholarships has come as a great boon to the backward classes and the number of students are rapidly increasing. But the number of scholarships is far too limited and many deserving students go without scholarships. To show them the taste of knowledge and leave them helpless halfway would not serve the high purpose which our benign Government have before it, and the amount allotted towards backward class scholarships should at least be doubled if the growing demand of the students could be met to some extent at least. Our community in particular is poor and mostly resident in villages, and the number of scholarships allotted to our students is very insufficient. I pray that the Government may be able to make better provision for scholarships, free-ships and half-free-ships to them.

Sir, we had hoped, that the passing of the Order on the Miller Committee Report would open a new era for the Backward Classes in the State and would result in their greater contentment and prosperity. But unfortunately it came at a time when Development of the departments was not possible owing to the financial difficulties, and vigorous retrenchment was essential to stablise the finances. If this itself caused a great disappointment to the backward classes, the recent orders of retrenchment to which the officials of the backward class have mainly fallen victims, have caused utter dismay and despair among them. One thing we pray, that the retrenchment cuts may not be made applicable to the officials of the backward classes, having regard to the principle underlying the Order on the Miller Committee Report, so that if the proportion of members of backward classes in service cannot be increased, the existing meagre proportion may at least not be decreased. The manner in which retrenchment has effected the backward classes most prejudicially is evident in the recent Government Order on the re-organisation of the Public Works Department where the services of some officers of backward classes have been dispensed with.

In conclusion, we wish you continued health and strength and very many years of useful Administration for the good of the State. Once again, we request you to convey to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore our sentiments of loyalty and devotion.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
NILIGIRI G. SANJEEVIAH,
Assistant General Secretary and Representative of the Kurubara Sangha, Bangalore.

XIII.

THE ANJUMAN-E-MAHDAVIAH DAIRATUL ISLAM, CHANNAPATNA.

SIR.

We, the members of the Anjuman-E-Mahdaviah Dairatul Islam, Channapatna, on behalf of Mussalmans in general, and our community in particular, welcome you most cordially to the exalted position which you so well grace at the present momentous period. Indeed the unprecedented critical moment required a keen, firm and sagacious Dewan as you are—and it is a matter for congratulating ourselves that we are fortunate to have you at the helm of our State to steer us to clear of the various kinds of economic troubles which have been threatening the States all over the world.

We feel proud in congratulating your Government at the moderation and sagacity which characterize the retrenchments in several departments recently effected. However in this connection, we beg to point out that the question of developing revenue resources has not been adequately taken up till now; for it is very necessary that we should continue to bestow attention in developing the various technical and development branches and which are so very necessary for the progress of our country and the welfare of the citizens.

It would be advisable to appoint an independent committee with a view to examine in detail the cases of the recently thrown-out hands from Government departments, and try to compensate them in an adequate manner on the merit of each case.

Sir, we have more than once respectfully raised our voice against the treatment meted out to the Mussalman community in respect of its inclusion in the general non-Brahmin list which we dare say was done at the meagre advice of a few Mussalmans who never consulted the genuine opinion of the Muslim public at large and we are sure that they even did not foresee the eventualities resulting from such inclusion; anyhow we feel sure through the general trend of public opinion that the very Muslim interests which the benign Government wanted to safeguard, have now suffered; therefore we pray that we may be given an independent entity as of old.

We, on behalf our community, sincerely thank you for the appointments of two lady Inspectresses for Muslim Girls' Schools which was one long felt want of ours. But permit us to say, Sir, that it would have been still better, if Muslim ladies had been appointed, who could have discharged their duties still better, for they could have well worked after the religious education which is very necessary for us. It is essential that such Lady Inspectresses are made to subordinate to Mahamedan District Inspectors; not only with a view that their mutual advice do good to the Mahomedan female education, but also that they may be in a position to consult each other in the matter of a transfer of a master and a mistress who are invariably husband and wife, and have to be kept in one and the same place. We understand that the Government are contemplating amalgamation of Hobli and Taluk Hindustani Schools with the existing A.-V. Schools. This step, Sir, may we respectfully point out, is suicidal to Islamic culture and its very existence. This track was, in fact, beaten during Sir M. Visvesvaraya's regime, the then Dewan of Mysore, when the Mussalmans in the first conference of theirs unanimously resolved and sent a protest to the Government against such a step explaining how the experiment was a dangerous menace to the community. We need hardly point out that it is absolutely necessary that our young boys, as boys of any other community, should know their own tongue and should be inculcated at least the preliminary principles of their sacred religion and community. We therefore emphatically protest against any such scheme which is destructive to our interest and gnaws at the Islamic culture. We have already stated that we claim an independent entity by ourselves, and, as such, we beg to claim an independent award of scholarships as in the past, for our progress has been hindered which would otherwise have doubled these days.

Our keenly felt necessity of having a Muslim graduate for each High School was partially satisfied by the appointment of some graduates in some High Schools.

May we request that the Government will very soon completely satisfy the demand.

The need for opening an upper secondary class for Muslim Mittresses has been overdue, especially under the present days when the demand for better qualified mistresses is growing. We pray that the Government will soon accomplish this greatly felt need at an early date.

We respectfully beg to invite the attention of the Government to the promise made in respect of enhancing the allotment in connection with the disposal of unclaimed dead bodies.

Regarding the Co-operative Societies, we beg to point out that the time limit of three years for obtaining decrees on overdue loans that is now being enforced is undoubtedly suicidal to the existence of many societies and it is highly essential that the rule is applied in cases, not of old, but of those that arise in future.

We now beg to draw your kind attention to the following local demands which need early execution at your hands. Channapatna with a population of about fourteen thousand, stands in need of a Female Dispensary, the present Local Fund Dispensary with its slender equipment of one Assistant Surgeon being quite inadequate for our purposes. The want of Ladies' Waiting Room in the Railway Station may be early gratified. Besides these requirements the present High School building has not sufficient room for accommodation. The A.-H. and Kannada Schools are situated in a rented building which is in a tattering condition, and we do not know who should be responsible if any danger should take place. Grant of compensation to house owners in Bannur where houses were demolished on sanitary grounds about 10 years ago may be kindly expedited. The laying out of roads in Bannur has been delayed for want of a plan from the Sanitary Engineer. Further, Bannur is the centre of fine agricultural area extending to ten thousand acres of wet lands. The agriculturists have been immensely benefited by the help of improved method of cultivation, but for want of timely help of implements, manure and seeds, etc., they could not get the best harvest. Therefore it is prayed that an agricultural Inspector may kindly be posted for Bannur range with headquarters at Bannur. Dadamkota and Tadasa, two villages in Shimoga Taluk, which have a large number of Muslim population have no Hindustani Schools. It is therefore prayed that the Hindustani Boys' and Girls' Schools may kindly be opened at an early date.

Before we conclude we feel it our bounden duty to point out to Government that their recent order transferring Mr. R. S. Natraj Iyer, Assistant Superintendent of Police from Channapatna is rather before time, as it is only recently that a transition from a disturbed state of affairs is perceptible, and highly against the interests of public peace and safety, for, certain it is that the removal of the present strong hand will give room enough for very many and serious disturbances. We therefore, in the interests of public peace and safety ardently pray that the Government will kindly cancel the transfer order and retain Mr. Natraj Iyer for at least two years to come.

In conclusion, Sir; we beg to offer you our heartfelt congratulations for the splendid manner in which such serious and difficult financial problems were so nicely tackled with, and easily bridged over, and we wish a prosperous era sets in early, enabling your Government to carry out successfully the traditional progressive policy of the State.

Finally, we once again convey our feelings of loyalty and devotion to His Highness the Maharaja and our best and respectful wishes to His Highness the Yuvaraja and the members of the Royal family.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

MEMBERS OF THE ANJUMAN-E-MAHDAVIAH DAIRATUL ISLAM.